

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 11203 01 OF 02 201806Z
ACTION STR-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-10 IO-13 ISO-00 STRE-00 AGRE-00
CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 EB-08 FRB-03 H-01
INR-10 INT-05 L-03 LAB-04 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01
CTME-00 AID-05 SS-15 ITC-01 TRSE-00 ICA-11 SP-02
SOE-02 OMB-01 DOE-15 XMB-02 OPIC-03 JUSE-00 OIC-02
AF-10 ARA-10 NEA-10 /173 W
-----121827 201918Z /43

R 201713Z JUL 78
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2350
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMCONSUL HONG KONG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 01 OF 02 GENEVA 11203

BRUSSELS FOR USEEC

PASS STR ELECTRONICALLY
HONG KONG PASS MIKE SMITH AND TEXTILE DEL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, GATT
SUBJECT: TEXTILES: TSB DEFERS DECISION ON TREATMENT EC
BILATERALS IF SUBMITTED AS "WORKING DOCUMENTS"

REF: GENEVA 11053

1. AT SHORT ONE-DAY (JULY 19) SESSION, TSB CHAIRMAN WURTH
CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS LETTER RECEIVED FROM EC COMMISSION
(CASPARI) WHICH INFORMED CHAIRMAN THAT: (A) NONE OF EC'S
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN FORMALLY CONCLUDED;
(B) THAT WHILE EC CONSIDERS IT UNDER NO OBLIGATION
COMMUNICATE AGREEMENTS TO TSB UNTIL FORMALLY CONCLUDED,
EC, "CONSIDERING TIME NECESSARY COMPLETE ITS OWN INTERNAL
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 GENEVA 11203 01 OF 02 201806Z

PROCEDURES FOR CONCLUSION," IS READY MAKE TEXTS INITIALLED
AGREEMENTS AVAILABLE TO TSB ON UNDERSTANDING THAT TEXTS
"COULD NOT BE TRANSMITTED TO TC PRIOR FORMAL CONCLUSION
AND ON CONDITION EXPORTING COUNTRIES CONCERNED AGREE
THIS PROCEDURE"; AND, (C) TO THAT END, EC HAS PROPOSED
TO AND SOUGHT AGREEMENT FROM ALL ITS PARTNERS THAT TEXTS
SHOULD BE PROVIDED NOW TO TSB AS "WORKING DOCUMENTS." EC

ALSO HAD PROVIDED TSB CHAIRMAN WITH COPY OF EC NOTE TO PARTNERS SEEKING AGREEMENT THIS PROCEDURE.

2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION OF LETTER AND NOTE, KLARIC TOOK FLOOR TO EXPRESS REGRET THAT HE WAS STILL UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE ANY TEXTS FOR THIS SESSION AS ONLY ONE PARTNER (SRI LANKA) HAD YET RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO EC NOTE AND THAT ONLY AS OF JULY 18. THIS AGREEMENT, KLARIC VAGUELY ASSURED, WOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. KLARIC WENT ON TO SAY THAT COMMISSION HOPED TO GET COUNCIL AUTHORITY FORMAL CONCLUSION OF NUMBER IF NOT ALL BILATERALS AT JULY 24 COUNCIL MEETING. IF THIS AUTHORITY FORTHCOMING, EC WOULD, EVEN THROUGH AUGUST VACATION PERIOD, BE TAKING STEPS FORMALLY CONCLUDE ITS BILATERALS. BUT, IN MEANTIME, EC WOULD SUBMIT AGREEMENT TEXTS AS "WORKING DOCUMENTS" AS SOON AS APPROVAL RECEIVED FROM PARTNERS.

3. CHAIRMAN, AFTER EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION EC'S "COOPERATION," INFORMED THE BODY THAT THERE HAD BEEN PRECEDENTS FOR PRELIMINARY TSB CONSIDERATION AGREEMENTS BEFORE FORMAL CONCLUSION; ADDING THAT, IN HIS VIEW, PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION AGREEMENTS WOULD FACILITATE BODY'S EFFORT IN REACHING EARLY DECISIONS FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION OF FORMAL CONCLUSION. CHAIRMAN THEN ASKED BODY'S VIEW ON THIS PROCEDURE.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 GENEVA 11203 01 OF 02 201806Z

4. U.S. REP FOLLOWED BY ASKING CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT TO PRODUCE CITATIONS SUPPORTING THE CHAIRMAN'S REFERENCE TO PRECEDENTS. U.S. REP, PRIOR TO SESSION, HAD REVIEWED TSB HISTORY AND HAD CONCLUDED THAT "PRECEDENTS" WERE NOT STRICTLY APPLICABLE IN INSTANT CASE. U.S. REP EXPECTED THAT CITATIONS WERE RELATED TO ACTION TAKEN BY TSB AS RESULT OF LENGTHY DELAYS IN CONCLUSION EC BILATERALS AT BEGINNING OF MFA. EC HAD ASKED FOR AND TSB HAD APPROVED AN ADDITIONAL YEAR EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT UNDER PROVISIONS PARA 2(II) OF ARTICLE 2. THE ADDITIONAL YEAR RAN OUT ON MAY 1, 1976, ON WHICH DATE EC NOTIFIED UNDER PROVISIONS ARTICLE 2:4 A NUMBER OF INITIALLED AGREEMENTS NOT FORMALLY CONCLUDED; THIS, IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 2:3. UPON RECEIPT TEXTS THESE AGREEMENTS, SOME TSB MEMBERS EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR "PRELIMINARY REVIEW" IN ORDER SEEK EXPLANATIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS FROM EC, THIS ON FIRM UNDERSTANDING THAT DEFINITIVE EXAMINATIONS AND CIRCULATIONS WOULD AWAIT FORMAL CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS IN QUESTION. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN AT A TIME WHEN THE CLIMATE WAS SUCH THAT NONE OF THE LDC EXPORTING

MEMBERS COULD WAIT TO GET AT THE COMMUNITY.

5. FOLLOWING A RECESS, SECRETARIAT PRODUCED CITATIONS, WHICH WERE EXACTLY AS U.S. REP HAD ANTICIPATED. AFTER OBSERVING THAT CITATIONS RELATING TO ARTICLE 2 ACTIONS AND DECISIONS SEEMED HARDLY APPLICABLE TO THE PRESENT ISSUE, U.S. REP POINTED OUT: (A) THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF TSB REVIEW WAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AGREEMENTS WERE CONSONANT OR NOT WITH MFA AND THAT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE IF AGREEMENTS WERE INCOMPLETE WHEN SUBMITTED; (B) THAT SUCH AGREEMENTS OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT BE CIRCULATED TO TC AND THUS BE BROUGHT INTO PUBLIC DOMAIN; (C) THAT CONDUCT OF REVIEW IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES COULD EASILY DELAY FORMAL CONCLUSION SHOULD PROGRESS OF THE "PRELIMINARY REVIEW" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 GENEVA 11203 01 OF 02 201806Z

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 11203 02 OF 02 202114Z
ACTION STR-07

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 STRE-00 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 EUR-12
NEA-10 IO-13 AGRE-00 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00
DODE-00 EB-08 FRB-03 H-01 INR-10 INT-05 L-03
LAB-04 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 CTME-00 AID-05 SS-15
ITC-01 TRSE-00 ICA-11 SP-02 SOE-02 OMB-01 DOE-15
XMB-02 OPIC-03 JUSE-00 OIC-02 /173 W
-----125418 202147Z /14

R 201713Z JUL 78
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2351
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMCONSUL HONG KONG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 02 OF 02 GENEVA 11203

EITHER FAVOR OR DISFAVOR EITHER PARTY TO THE AGREEMENT.
U.S. REP, AFTER NOTING KLARIC'S OPTIMISM ABOUT THE
JULY 24 COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO CONCLUDE FORMALLY AND
ITS INTENTION TO WORK THROUGH AUGUST, THEN SUGGESTED THAT

FURTHER DISCUSSION THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE DEFERRED
UNTIL NEXT (SEPT. 18) SESSION BY WHICH TIME TSB MIGHT
HAVE DEFINITIVE AGREEMENTS TO WORK WITH. TO OBVIOUS
RELIEF OF CHAIRMAN, KLARIC AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT,
THIS SUGGESTION WAS ADOPTED.

6. INTERESTING SIDE NOTE WAS SILENCE OF HONG KONG REP
WHO HAD BEEN QUITE VOCIFEROUS IN PRECEDING INFORMAL
MEETING (REFTEL). KLARIC TOLD U.S. REP AFTER MEETING
THAT HE HAD TOLD TSAO THAT HONG KONG'S PROBLEMS WITH
THEIR BILATERAL WOULD BE SOON SOLVED AND THAT IT WOULD
NOT BE SUBMITTED UNTIL FORMALLY CONCLUDED.

7. SUGGEST U.S. DEL, AT UPCOMING BILATERAL MEETING
WITH EC, SHOULD MAKE U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE CLEAR
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 GENEVA 11203 02 OF 02 202114Z

TO EC REPS. SORENSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXTILES, DOCUMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978GENEVA11203
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780298-0877
Format: TEL
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780739/aaaabgvu.tel
Line Count: 192
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 375a3570-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION STR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 GENEVA 11053
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1943617
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TEXTILES: TSB DEFERS DECISION ON TREATMENT EC BILATERALS IF SUBMITTED AS "WORKING DOCUMENTS"
TAGS: ETRD, GATT
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/375a3570-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014